

before action accompanied by the requisite fee and it is requested that the application be examined with such claims as though originally presented.

The claims are believed to clearly distinguish over all known prior art in the provision of grasping means which include at least two grasping elements that are spaced apart a predetermined distance on a preselected line so that an actuating means having a second grasping means may draw-off and retain a label by entering the space left between the spaced apart elements and engaging the label at the same preselected line.

Favorable action on all of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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